

To the Members of the California State Senate:

I am returning Senate Bill 842 without my signature.

Recognizing the importance of this issue recruiting and retaining quality teachers into the profession, my Administration has worked in close collaboration with the Legislature on related legislation and numerous related budget initiatives to address the issue. That is why I have signed Senate Bill 1209, authored by Senator Jack Scott to directly act on issues such as streamlining credentialing requirements, breaking down barriers for out-of-state teachers wanting to teach in California, strengthening teacher preparation and induction, creating personnel efficiencies, and encouraging districts to negotiate alternative salary schedules have all been targeted by key new initiatives. In addition, full funding for these efforts has been included in the *2006 Budget Act*.

Given the comprehensive nature of the related reforms that my Administration has approved, and the concern I have that this bill includes conflicts and duplications with those related measures, I cannot sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Arnold Schwarzenegger